

TORRANCE Newslets

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Cooper of Compton were dinner guests Thanksgiving of Mr. and Mrs. William Gascoigne of Gramercy avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. William Gascoigne and daughter Maxine were entertained Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crawford of Santa Monica.

Guests Thanksgiving of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gilbert were Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Bolyard of Pasadena and Miss Alice Dennis of South Pasadena.

Rev. and Mrs. Malloys of Claremont and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Burdick were dinner guests Thanksgiving of Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Leake.

Raymond Burdick has returned to Big Pine, Inyo county, after a pleasant visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Burdick, of Marcelina avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. James L. King and brother, Harold King, attended the races at the Beverly speedway Thanksgiving.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wolfe, here recently from Pittsburg, Calif., are comfortably settled in the Castle apartments. Mr. Wolfe is associated with the Columbia Steel company.

Guests Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Burdick of Marcelina avenue were Mr. and Mrs. John Breenmyer of Venice, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Clathe and Mr. Clathe's mother and aunt, of Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Gilbert entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hymer and Mrs. Emma Gilbert of Hawthorne and Mr. and Mrs. W.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin M. Searle, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Woodsum, and Mrs. Blanch Schaw, of Los Angeles, were in the city Monday looking at Torrance lots. Mr. Searle has property on Cabrillo avenue and on East Carson street. The Carson street lots have been leased to the Southern California Drilling company.

TRUSTEES

The board of trustees Tuesday night postponed for one week appointment of a trustee to replace E. H. Nash, who resigned because of change of residence to Redondo.

Application of the Torrance Investment company to erect a 14-unit court east of the White Garage on 212th street will be considered next week. Plans for the court were submitted by the company and will be considered by the city engineer. It will be necessary to take the district in which the court is to be built out of the fire zone before a permit is granted.

If you hear a loud bell ringing in Torrance in the near future, don't be alarmed. It will be ringing to call police to headquarters. The trustees authorized installation of a loud bell at police headquarters.

Motorists utilizing the street in front of the Torrance high school will be arrested from now on. Signs will be posted at both entrances to the street warning motorists not to drive in front of the school.

City Clerk Bartlett was instructed to advertise for bids for pipe line franchises requested by the Associated Oil company and the Pan American Oil company. The request of the former company is for a blanket franchise for lines on all alleys and streets outside the restricted district of the city. No bids will be accepted at a rate less than one dollar a rod, but the payments will be made only as pipe is laid. City Attorney Briney pointed out that a pipe line franchise is not the same as a franchise to a public utility and that there is no legal limit to the number of pipe line franchises that may be granted on one street.

The trustees passed the ordinance establishing a fund for repair and maintenance of roads in the oil field and placing a tax of \$250 on every oil well drilling or producing in the city. The money will be used only on roads outside the restricted district of the city. Penalty for non-payment of the tax was fixed at \$300 or 90 days. The ordinance will be in effect for one year, at the expiration of which a new tax, based on the amount of money required for the roads, may be fixed.

BIRTHDAY DINNER

James A. Wolfe had a birthday recently and Mrs. Wolfe arranged a jolly little surprise dinner in honor of the day. Music and dancing followed. The guests included Mr. and Mrs. Fred Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Paxton, Mr. and Mrs. William Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Tom McArroy, and A. B. Wolfe.

FINES FOR NOVEMBER

City Recorder James King collected \$257.50 in fines during the month of November. A confiscated automobile was auctioned off and brought the city \$54. "It must have been 'some' car," said Trustee Proctor, when the recorder's report was read.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Barnes entertained at dinner Thanksgiving Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bartlett, Miss Grace Bartlett, and Masters Albert and Robert Bartlett, of Gramercy avenue, Torrance.

LOMITA COMMUNITY CHURCH

"An Open Door" was the theme of the morning sermon. The open door for Lomita is the training of the boys and girls of Lomita in the knowledge of the Bible and the meaning of the Christian life. Any man or woman doing that work is following in the footsteps of the Master. Other ways of working are ministering to the strangers, the sick and the homes of invalids.

"The Closed Door" was the evening theme, from the words: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me." Laodicea was a luke-warm church, but Jesus will not leave her to her fate. He longs to enter into the life of the church, and rekindle her love and zeal. Jesus stands and knocks. He has all power, but he will not force himself in. What an attitude, patient, waiting, longing to enter! If the president of the United States or some great statesman were to call on us, we should feel highly honored. But we are too busy to listen to the Saviour of the world. To those who hear and open the door he comes in and shares his fellowship and companionship. Who can estimate its value, its joy, its blessing? On the way to Emmaus the two disciples met the risen Lord, who explained to them the scriptures concerning himself. After he had gone they said one to another "Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked with us by the way and while he opened to us the scriptures?" If we wish a similar experience we must let the Saviour into our heart and lives.

Thanksgiving day was observed by a special service at the Lomita Community church. Harold Coackley was the organist, and Mrs. Bromley sang an appropriate Thanksgiving solo. President Coolidge's proclamation was read and the pastor, Rev. E. E. Clark, emphasized the cultivation of the Thanksgiving spirit, not for one day only, but for every day in the year.

The Intermediate C. E. society of the Community church will hold a business meeting Friday evening, Dec. 7, at 7:30 o'clock. This is an important meeting. Officers will be elected for the next six months. All members and friends of the Endeavorers are urged to be present.

By WINIFRED BARNARD

It is with delightful expectation that members of the Woman's club of Torrance are looking forward to the next meeting, Thursday, Dec. 13. On this occasion Mrs. Frank Sammons, district federation chairman of the Indian welfare department, will address the club.

Miss Betsy Byrnes, talented young pupil of Mme. Estelle Heartt Dreyfus, will render a group of Indian songs—"Her Shadow" (Charles Wakefield Cadman), "On a Cloud I Will Ride" (Homer Grunn), "Invocation to the Sun God" (Carlos Troyer).

Mrs. Sammons, who is past president of the Woman's club of Torrance, is loved and admired by all the women who worked with her last year, not only for her wonderful

ability and friendliness but for her rigid adherence to principles and her untiring efforts to make the club a success.

Prospective members and guests are welcome. The meeting begins promptly at 2:30 p. m. in the auditorium of the Methodist church. Tea will be served at 4 o'clock.

JURY DISAGREES

The trial of R. D. Gard was continued until December 11, when the jury disagreed Tuesday in Judge Hunter's court. Gard is held on two charges, vagrancy and violating the Wright act. Attorney Clark of Los Angeles is prosecuting the case.

Buy it in Lomita.

LOMITA GOSPEL MISSION



REV. FRANK HILL

of Los Angeles, whose cut appears in this issue, will preach in the Lomita Gospel Mission, 2847 Brethren Street, Sunday, Dec. 9th, at 11:00 A. M.

The instrument he holds is the first one ever made in this country—and is a one-string instrument. It is his own invention. Come and hear it at this service. JAMES ELLIOTT, Pastor.

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